

MEETING OF THE CITY OF ZILWAUKEE PLANNING COMMISSION

March 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson K. Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Norm Burke, Betty Comstock, Dennis Duro, Ken Hyde, Rich Metiva and Steve Thayer.

Also Present: Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator John Stemple and Mayor Gene Jolin. Jason Boguslawski - possible new member of Planning Commission.

The minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting were considered. A motion was made by S. Thayer, supported by N. Burke, to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion carried.

It was mentioned that Tom Luplow had resigned from the Planning Commission. Jason Boguslawski resident, member of Lions Club and member of the newly organized Blue Ribbon Committee, addressed the Commission members stating he would like to be a member. A motion to recommend to Council that J. Boguslawski be considered a new Planning Commission member was made by K. Hyde, supported by D. Duro. The motion carried.

Old Business:

K. Hyde distributed copies of suggested Capitol Improvements from the Blue Ribbon Committee. It was mentioned that Rene Wuckert is now a member representing the Fire Department. The Committee is hoping upgrades within the City will encourage people to want to live here. N. Burke stated he felt letters should be sent to residents regarding updates in the City to keep them informed and to get any input from them.

B. Comstock mentioned parking issues for some college homes within the City. She wondered if overflow parking could be established at the old DPW lot on Johnson and Franklin. This will be added to the Capitol Improvement list.

N. Burke questioned if many of the "capitol improvements" on the list would really fall into "capitol improvements". Mayor Jolin stated all things on the list were Okay. N. Burke questioned if a feasibility study will be done concerning the possible lighting project on Adams. It was mentioned this will be done when necessary. There was some discussion on possibly having a museum and library in the City and this would fall under Capitol Improvement.

N. Burke mentioned the Planning Enabling Act and that the Planning Commission should have been involved in the Riverfront Projects. He would like someone with the itinerary for this Riverfront Grant Project to be at the April meeting and give a "heads up" on what is happening.

The next issue on the Agenda was "Bye-Laws". Due to the length of discussion on "Capitol Improvements" it was decided to table this until the April 9, 2014 meeting.

New Business:

N. Burke stated he had met with Dawn in the office and updated the Site Plan. An ORDER page has been added to the Site Plan. This was distributed to the Commission members for discussion. It was mentioned that when the Site Plan or other request is brought before the Planning Commission the ORDER will be filled out, a case number will be assigned such as 14-001 for the first number in 2014 and this will be added to the Site Plan packet.

N. Burke mentioned the Commission members should check into the proper zoning in the Johnson Street area in order to know what best utilizes the area for what the City wants. He mentioned warehousing and some other businesses that could fit the zoning possibly would not be what the City is looking at.

John Stemple Updates:

None.

Audience Participation:

Steve Thayer addressed the members as a resident and not a member of the Commission. He has been requesting rezoning of his property on Tittabawassee and Venoy. He stated he does not want "conditional zoning". He would like a B-1 zoning. J. Stemple addressed the Planning Commission regarding this area and the fact that several years ago a Special Use Permit was granted to S. Thayer and should not have been granted. Due to this S. Thayer now has a business in that area and has been requesting a zoning change to B-1 since 2013 in order to correct this mistake. The home at this location will be "legal non conforming" or "grandfathered-in". This matter will be corrected as soon as possible.

Round Table Discussion:

It was the feeling of all members that this was a very informative meeting with GREAT discussion and information.

A motion was made by R. Metiva, supported by S. Thayer, to adjourn. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. The next meeting will be on April 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. This is the second Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Inman, Recording Secretary